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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 03/25/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,7-16,20-33 and 37-47.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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/Tuan H. Nguyen/
Examiner
Art Unit 618

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. The amendment filed on 03/25/2010 is acknowledged and entered by the examiner.

Claim Status

2. Claims 1-3, 7-16, 20-33 and 37-47 are currently pending in the instant application. Claims 4-6, 17-19 and 34-36 have been canceled.

Reasons for Allowance

3. Claims 1-3, 7-16, 20-33 and 37-47 are allowed over the prior art record.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The applicant's remarks, filed on 03/25/2010, have been carefully reviewed with updated search. Consequently, reasons for allowance of claims 1-3, 7-16, 20-33 and 37-47 are set forth in according to the following:

Sherman (US PAT. 7,046,690) teaches wireless local area networks (WLANs) employ a plurality of mobile network stations, such as data processing devices having wireless communication capabilities. Access to the wireless medium in such a network is controlled in each station by a set media access control (MAC) protocol based on a listen-before-talk scheme.

Bajic (US PUB. 2003/0227893) teaches a method and apparatus for communicating between devices is described. In one embodiment, the method comprises running two or more instances of a switch MAC sublayer on a switch and managing the two or more instances of the switch MAC sublayer as multiple logical access points inside the switch.

Wu et al. (US PAT. 7,292,562) teaches a method and system for measuring the throughput of transmissions over a wireless local area network having a station and an access point. The station can send messages to the access point during a test period, where the messages can be sent as data frames. The access point can receive messages sent from the station during the test period. For messages received by the access point, the access point can send acknowledgements to the station, where the acknowledgements can be sent as control frames. The station can receive acknowledgements from the access point for messages received by the access point. The station can determine a throughput from the station to the access point for the test period based on the acknowledgements received at the station from the access point during the test period.

Consider claim 1, the prior arts made of record, alone or in combination, fails to clearly teach or fairly suggest a method for mobile communication, comprising: arranging a plurality of access points in a wireless local area network (WLAN) to communicate over the air with a mobile station using a common basic service set identification (BSSID) for all the access points; receiving at one or more of the access points an uplink signal transmitted over the WLAN by the mobile station using the

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common BSSID; sending and receiving messages over a communication medium linking the access points in order to select one of the access points to respond to the uplink signal; transmitting a response from the selected one of the access points to the mobile station; and assigning a respective medium access control (MAC) address to each of the access points, in addition to the BSSID, for use in communicating with the mobile station and configuring the access points to emulate mobile station communications in handling uplink communications from the mobile station, so that each of the access points acknowledges uplink data messages addressed from the mobile station to the respective MAC address and ignores the uplink data messages that are not addressed to the respective MAC address, as specified in the independent claim 1, and further limitations of their respective dependent claims 2, 3 and 7-14.

Consider claim 15, the prior arts made of record, alone or in combination, fails to clearly teach or fairly suggest a method for mobile communication, comprising: arranging a plurality of access points in a wireless local area network (WLAN) to communicate over the air on a common frequency channel with a mobile station; receiving at two or more of the access points an uplink signal transmitted over the WLAN by the mobile station on the common frequency channel; conveying messages responsively to the uplink signal from the two or more of the access points over a communication medium linking the access points to a manager node; processing the messages at the manager node so as to select one of the access points that received the uplink signal to respond to the uplink signal; transmitting a response from the selected one of the access points to the mobile station; and assigning a respective

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medium access control (MAC) address to each of the access points, in addition to a basic service set identification (BSSID) thereof, for use in communicating with the mobile station and configuring the access points to emulate mobile station communications in handling uplink communications from the mobile station, so that each of the access points acknowledges uplink data messages addressed from the mobile station to the respective MAC address and ignores the uplink data messages that are not addressed to the respective MAC address, as specified in the independent claim 15, and further limitations of their respective dependent claims 16 and 20-31.

Consider claim 32, the prior arts made of record, alone or in combination, fails to clearly teach or fairly suggest apparatus for mobile communication, comprising: a plurality of access points, which are arranged in a wireless local area network (WLAN) to communicate over the air on a common frequency channel with a mobile station using a common basic service set identification (BSSID) for all the access points, and which are adapted, upon receiving at one or more of the access points an uplink signal transmitted over the WLAN by the mobile station on the common frequency channel, to convey messages responsively to the uplink signal from the one or more of the access points over a communication medium linking the access points; and a manager node, linked to the communication medium, which is adapted to process the messages so as to select one of the access points to respond to the uplink signal, and to instruct the selected one of the access points to transmit a response to the mobile station, wherein each of the access points is assigned a respective medium access control (MAC) address, in addition to the BSSID, for use in communicating with the mobile station and

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is configured to emulate mobile station communications in handling uplink communications from the mobile station, so that each of the access points acknowledges the uplink data messages that are addressed from the mobile station to the respective MAC address and ignores uplink data messages that are not addressed to the respective MAC address, as specified in the independent claim 32, and further limitations of their respective dependent claims 33 and 37-47.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Maung Nay A. can be reached on (571) 272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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